

2,182. Funds contributed: Foreign missions, \$2,665; Assembly's Home Missions, \$535; Synod's Home Missions, \$569; Presbytery's Home Missions, \$2,204; Congregational Home Missions, \$728; Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, \$304; Schools and Colleges, \$868; Bible Cause, \$104; Orphans' Homes, \$1,516; miscellaneous benevolences, \$502; pastors' salaries, \$10,060; incidental expenses, \$19,829; total contributions, \$40,198; last year, \$29,489—increase, \$20,709.

**Next Meeting:** Slagle Memorial the Foreign Mission meeting on the last night of Presbytery was a stirring sermon from Rev. George Hudson, of the China Mission, who for more than two years has been laid aside by ill health, but whose interest in the cause is not diminished.

**Next Meeting:** Slagle Memorial church, Macon county, September 5, 1916.

E. L. Siler, S. C.

#### AUGUSTA.

Augusta Presbytery met in Tennesse, Ga., and was opened with sermon from John 5:35 by the moderator, Rev. T. P. Burgess.

Present, thirteen ministers and fourteen ruling elders.

**Officers:** Moderator, Rev. James Bradley, of Monticello; temporary clerk, Mr. C. W. Gee, of Crawfordville.

**Foreign Missions:** There is no decrease in interest among our churches for this great work, more than half of them having increased their contributions during the past year. It was recommended that study classes be organized in all our churches with special reference to Brazil, using McLean's "The Living Christ for Latin America," as a text-book.

**Presbyterial Home Missions:** All fields are supplied except one, for which arrangements are now being made. The work of the past year has been marked by continued success and nearly all the churches have held most valuable evangelistic services. Addresses by Rev. M. M. MacFerrin, chairman Rev. J. D. McPhail, supervisor, and Rev. D. W. Brannen, D. D., manager of Immigration Bureau, showed excellent conditions in every department of this cause, and that the outlook for the future is full of promise.

**Synodical Home Missions:** Presbytery has paid in full its apportionment to this cause, and the meetings held by Synod's evangelist, Rev. M. McG. Shields, have been found of much aid in our Presbytery wherever they have been held. Pastors desiring his services during the coming summer should communicate with him at once.

**Assembly Home Missions:** Interest of our churches in this work for the destitute places of our broad Southland was evidenced by a total of their contributions, \$1,275. It is urged that none of our congregations fail to aid in the year before us.

**Christian Education and Ministerial Relief:** We have five candidates for the gospel ministry, and receive aid for the support of two widows of deceased ministers. Presbytery urges that more continued effort be made in seeking out young men for the ministry, and that the claims of the aged ministers be recognized in an especial manner by at once presenting in all our churches the opportunity to subscribe to the Endowment Fund.

**Sabbath Schools:** Reports indicate that the past year has been a good one in the Sunday-school work. Special attention was called to the value of well organized adult classes, and to need for more regular study of the Shorter Catechism.

**Church Societies:** Of the forty societies in our Presbytery nineteen are Ladies' Missionary and fourteen Young Peoples'. There is a total membership of 999—with \$3,721 contributed to the various causes.

**Systematic Benevolence:** The Every Member Canvass for Benevolence, as well as pastor's salary, is again recommended to all pastors and church officers as the very best systematic, thorough and permanent method. Eight of our churches report such canvasses as efficiently carried out during the past year—Augusta First, Greene Street, Greensboro, Milledgeville, Monticello, Reid Memorial, Union Point and Washington.

**Sabbath and Family Religion:** For the spiritual improvement of home life it was urged that pastors and session lay greater emphasis on the maintenance of family worship and that earnest efforts be made to enroll as many of our people as possible in the "Family Altar League."

**Bible Cause:** A popular meeting was

held celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the organization of the American Bible Society. Addresses were made by Rev. S. L. McCarty, Rev. Joseph R. Sevier, D. D., and Rev. James Bradley, chairman. This cause is growing in interest as our people study its methods and become better acquainted with the good it is doing in every department of Christian advancement.

**Narratives for the Churches** showed a good, healthy religious condition of our twenty-five congregations. There is little marked change from year to year, but what can be observed is for the better both in life and service.

**Commissioners to General Assembly:** Rev. J. A. Simpson, Greensboro, and Mr. T. C. Adamson, Sandersville; alternates, Rev. J. D. McPhail, Waynesboro, and Hon. Joell Cloud, Lexington.

A good attendance of ministers and elders, ideal spring weather and a most hospitable people with the warm welcome of Christian fellowship and cordial interest, all combined to make this a most delightful meeting of Augusta Presbytery.

**Next Meeting:** Sparta, Ga., Tuesday, October 10, 1916, 7:30 P. M. Eugene P. Mickel, Stated Clerk.

#### MEMPHIS.

The Presbytery of Memphis met in Brownsville, Tennessee, April 11-13, with 24 ministers present and 25 churches represented.

Opening sermon by Moderator, Rev. E. C. Bingham, D. D.

**Organization:** Rev. R. P. Walker, Moderator, Rev. Charles A. Harper and ruling elder F. S. Latham temporary clerks.

**Permanent Officers:** Rev. J. H. Lumpkin, D. D., re-elected Stated Clerk and Rev. R. I. Long Permanent Clerk. **Dismissed:** Rev. Geo. F. Mason to Ashville Presbytery.

**Received:** Rev. J. C. Sligh from Pine Bluff Presbytery, who is doing special work under direction of the Committee on Presbyterial Home Missions; Rev. J. C. Johnson from the Presbytery of Mississippi. He accepted calls from Mason and Mt. Carmel. **Commissions—**Rev. R. F. Kirkpatrick, D. D., Rev. C. O. Groves, Rev. R. P. Walker and ruling elder J. R. Hall to install at Mt. Carmel 2nd. Sunday in May, and Rev. J. T. Rethrock, Rev. Cecil V. Crabb and ruling elder J. B. Gracey to install at Mason 1st. Sunday in May.

**Installations:** Rev. C. W. Sommerville, D. D., pastor of Westminster, Memphis; Rev. J. F. Pharr, pastor of Denmark and Union; Rev. O. W. Wardlaw ordained and installed pastor of Hickory, Withe and Oakland; Rev. Cecil V. Crabb ordained and installed pastor of Brownsville.

**Call Approved:** From First church, Jackson, Tennessee, for pastoral services of Rev. J. E. Brown of Oxford, Mississippi approved and church authorized to prosecute before Presbytery of North Mississippi.

**Organized:** Madie, Proctor City, and a petition of 48 persons for church to be organized in Memphis granted. This grows out of a mission under care of the Second church, Memphis.

**Names Changed:** Third Church, Memphis, to Chelsea Avenue Presbyterian Church. Local Home Missions to Presbyterial Home Missions.

**Bible:** Centennial of American Bible Society observed with instructive address by Rev. Dr. C. H. Williamson.

**Presbyterial Home Missions encouraging:** Four groups needing ministers, viz: Lake County, Gibson County, Collierville and White Haven, Humbolt and New Shiloh. Rev. J. H. Lumpkin, D. D., declined to serve longer as chairman and Rev. R. F. Kirkpatrick, D. D., Memphis, is now chairman. Rev. C. O. Groves is continued as Superintendent and Evangelist.

**Assembly's Home Missions:** Report adopted urged (1) That ministers present nature and needs of this work in June and November and especially during Home Mission week. (2) That we seek to get this cause thoroughly into the prayer-life of our single (3) That it be given its proper place in Every-Member-Canvass and special appeals for support.

**Southwestern Presbyterian University:** Rev. R. E. Fulton, D. D., was heard with interest in behalf of this institution.

**Foreign Missions:** Popular meeting with inspiring addresses. Report adopted urged our people to put forth all possible effort not only to provide

for the expense of this year, but also to remove the debt.

**Christian Education and Ministerial Relief:** Five candidates and three beneficiaries of relief.

**Evangelism:** Resolutions (1) That we keep in mind that the great goal of the Church is the saving of the lost; (2) that we seek to utilize all our force in a steady campaign of evangelism; (3) that a conference on this cause be arranged for and held at our next regular meeting.

**Sabbath and Family:** (1) Ministers urged to preach on family worship; (2) Dr. C. W. Sommerville appointed to preach on the Sabbath at our next fall meeting.

**Purdy School:** This institution, under direction of Rev. Charles N. Ralston, is doing excellent work, is commended to patronage and financial support, and a strong advisory board was appointed.

**Incorporated:** The Presbytery of Memphis has been incorporated.

**Adjourned:** An adjourned meeting will be held in the Second church, Memphis, April 27, 1916, 10 A. M., and the next regular meeting at Bethel P. M. J. H. Lumpkin, Springs, Tenn., September 19, 1916, 8 Stated Clerk.

#### FORT WORTH.

The Presbytery met in the Broadway church, Fort Worth, April 12th, 8 P. M., 1916.

**Attendance:** There were present 21 ministers and 22 elders.

**Officers:** Rev. S. A. McElroy, D. D., was chosen moderator and Rev. John V. McCall temporary clerk.

**Federation:** The Presbytery, without passing on the merits or wisdom of the plan, gave the First Presbyterian church, Fort Worth, permission to continue a federation with the Taylor Street church, U. S. A.

A similar request came from the Anson church and the same answer was given.

The Abilene church asked permission to withdraw from the Presbytery in order that it might form an independent Presbyterian church in connection with the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., of Abilene. Rev. T. S. Knox was granted permission to supply this independent church.

**Home Missions:** The report of the chairman, Dr. M. E. Gilmore, shows that all our churches, with the exception of a few small churches, whose total membership does not amount to over 50, are regularly supplied with preaching services. The evangelist visits all the small churches occasionally. Thursday night the Presbytery met in the Fort Worth church, where the Fort Worth Presbyterial was in session. This joint service was very pleasant and profitable. The report of the chairman of Home Missions was read and subscriptions were taken for the Home Mission work for the ensuing year. The subscriptions amounted to over \$2,300.

**Churches Dissolved:** Four churches were dissolved, the membership of two being transferred to Sweetwater, the other two, not having any members left, were dropped from roll.

**Commission:** A commission was appointed to visit the Weatherford church and adjudicate the differences in that church.

**Overture:** The Presbytery sent to the Assembly an overture asking the Assembly to make a change in the representation in the Assembly, slightly reducing the number.

**Licensure:** Mr. T. M. Cunningham was licensed to preach and steps were taken to ordain and install him pastor of the Eliasville church.

**Presbyterial Sermon:** The Presbyterial sermon was preached by Rev. W. R. Potter, the subject being Evangelism.

**Next Meeting:** aPlo Pinto, Texas, September 12th, 8 P. M., 1916.

This was a most enjoyable meeting of Presbytery, the number of ministers and elders being larger than usual. A barbecue was given the Presbytery and Presbyterial Thursday evening, which was very much enjoyed. The entertainment was most cordial and generous.

**Elect Commissioners in Fall:** This was made the rule of Presbytery.

J. D. Leslie, Stated Clerk.

#### PINE BLUFF.

The Presbytery of Pine Bluff met at McGehee, Ark., Tuesday, April 11, 1916, and was opened with a sermon

by the moderator, Rev. William H. Irvine, of Helena. Ten ministers and eight elders were present.

**Organization:** Moderator, Rev. W. F. Rogers, and Elder S. C. Alexander reading clerk.

**Dismissed:** Rev. J. C. Sligh to the Presbytery of Memphis, and Rev. R. H. Viser to the Presbytery of Arkansas.

**Received:** Rev. W. A. Rolle, from the Presbytery of Paris. Mr. Rolle has accepted a call from the church at Dermott, and will be installed April 30th, by the following committee: Rev. Messrs. B. H. Holt, W. E. Rogers and F. L. Delaney.

**Orphans' Home and School:** The Home and School for Orphans, at Itasca, Texas, having suffered the loss of its water tower by a storm, all of our Sabbath schools are requested to make a special offering for this cause as early as possible.

**Dissolved:** The pastoral relation between Rev. R. H. Viser and the Clarendon church.

**New Church:** A new church was enrolled, that of Arkansas City, which was organized last November, with twenty members.

**Bible Society:** The one hundredth anniversary of the organization of the American Bible Society will be celebrated Sunday, May 7th, and all of our churches are requested to observe that day with special services, and a sermon on the Bible.

**Woman's Work:** Rev. W. F. Rogers, of Warren, has been appointed chairman of the Committee on Woman's Work, with special reference to the Presbyterial, which received the hearty endorsement of Presbytery.

**Commissioners:** Principals, Rev. A. A. Boyd, Pine Bluff, and J. G. Pattillo, Fordyce; alternates, Rev. E. A. Hollingsworth, of Warren, and D. C. Lauderdale, of Lake Village.

**Overture:** The following overture to the Assembly was adopted: "In view of the fact that the Assembly's Committee of Publication has been negligent and careless in recommending to our people, both young and old, books that are so pernicious in their influence that they dethrone Christ as King and Lord, take from him his divinity, and subvert and undermine our whole system of truth (see page 30 of "The Greatest Thing in the Word," by Waldo Trine); and in view of the further fact that there appeared in "Onward" of Jan. 13, 1916, what was understood by both young and old as approval and commendation of the drama and the dance; and as we believe these things, especially the dance, have proven themselves a prolific source of evil, and a great menace to the Church of Christ, the Presbytery of Pine Bluff respectfully overtures the General Assembly to seriously consider, and so thoroughly investigate these matters, as to find the cause for this remissness, and then so to speak that these evils from this source may never disturb the Church in the future."

**Next Meeting:** Lake Village, Tuesday, October 10, 1916.

Presbytery was unanimous and enthusiastic in its praise of the hospitality of the people of McGehee, and feel proud of the progress which our Church has made in that community, it having been organized a little more than three years ago, with fifteen members, and now having nearly one hundred and a splendid house of worship, and is practically self-supporting. On Thursday afternoon, the faculty of the high school gave Presbytery a reception at the school building, which was a most enjoyable occasion. Refreshments were served, and splendid music and readings were rendered. McGehee is a railroad town, which has grown, in a few years, from almost nothing to a modern, up-to-date town of nearly three thousand inhabitants.

Charles H. Maury, S. C.

#### LOUISIANA.

The Presbytery of Louisiana met in Clinton, La., April 11, 1916. Twelve ministers and ten ruling elders were present.

Rev. J. F. McKenzie was elected moderator, and Rev. C. F. Hoffman temporary clerk.

Presbytery had preaching twice a day—a good, old-fashioned custom. The preaching proved to be of a high order.

The reports from churches were highly gratifying. Twenty-one churches reported. All these had contributed to benevolent causes, and all had received new members during the year. Three hundred and sixty-six new members were reported in the Presbytery, a gain of almost 20 per cent. Twenty-one churches reported gifts to benevolence to the amount of